

Clinton said that the era of big government was over. Fat chance, Mr. Speaker.

Liberals are very good with disguises. But they can't hide their addiction to spending other people's money. Recently, the President submitted a request to spend an additional \$8 billion for what is, essentially, a reelection pork package. The President wants to spend money on all kinds of Federal programs that will appease his liberal base. But the spending request totally contradicts the President's claim that the era of big government is over.

Mr. Speaker, our Government is now responsible for a \$5 trillion debt. That debt will be shouldered by our children and grandchildren. It is outrageous that our President would masquerade as a fiscal conservative while asking Congress to add billions more to our debt.

#### DO NOT BALANCE THE BUDGET ON BACKS OF CHILDREN

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, it is amazing. Never did I think I would be down here saying, "Listen to the Senate," but here I am saying, "Listen to the Senate," because they are speaking words we should hear here.

Yesterday they voted 84 to 16, and they said very clearly, "You do not balance the budget on the backs of America's children. You do not balance the budget on the backs of America's future." These are not the people that caused this deficit. B-2 bombers caused this deficit. All sorts of other pork projects caused this deficit.

Mr. Speaker, I think we have to get down to the specifics of how we do it. And to do this on children, children that do not have political action committees, children who do not have Gucci-shoed lawyers, they are the easy ones to shove out in the cold and say, "We have to balance the budget." We do that, and we have shortchanged the future of this Nation.

Listen to the Senate. They have understood how extreme the other side of this aisle is on those issues. Do not cut Head Start, do not cut drug-free schools, and do not demolish our future.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 45. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda on May 2, 1996, for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Reverend and Mrs. Billy Graham.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the

House to the bill (S. 1494) "An Act to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BURNS, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. EXON, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. REID, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. LEVIN, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations, Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Mr. SARBANES, at large, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

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#### CUT FUNDING FOR NEA

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the President has again issued an ultimatum that we, as Republicans, must allow an additional \$8 billion to be spent on a host of Federal programs which many of these programs are nothing but pork barrel type projects. This spending is to satisfy the liberal groups that he needs for the upcoming election. Especially, the supporters of the National Endowment of the Arts.

I appreciate art as much as the next person. But, Mr. Speaker, it simply makes no sense to continue to tax working people's incomes to pay for works of art which insults and demean the values they hold dear.

It especially makes no sense to lay off Federal employees—with children to feed and bills to pay—so that the Government can continue to spend the taxpayer money on art which insults the religious values of the people who are being forced to pay for this so-called art.

We must stop this misuse of the taxpayers' money.

#### EDUCATION BUDGET CUTS

(Ms. VELÁZQUEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

(Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my deep concern over the massive budget cuts by my Republican colleagues to education programs. We can no longer tolerate this. These are cuts that will not heal.

Their slash and burn approach to educating our children has many casualties. One example under the current continuing resolution is the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program. How can children learn in an environment where they must fear for their lives? We must give children every chance to live and learn—not take them away.

Anyone concerned with the health and safety of our children would find these cuts distressing. Who among you could look a child in the eyes and tell them that tax cuts to fat cats are more important than their education—or their life?

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we stop shortchanging our most vulnerable citizens. Hasn't enough havoc been wreaked in children's lives? We stand on the brink of another shutdown and a CR with the largest education cuts ever. Let's stop this assault on our children and restore education funding now.

#### PASS H.R. 739, DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT

(Mr. ROTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, much has been said this morning about education and wasting of money. We spend some \$12 billion a year in this country, \$12 billion a year on bilingual education, which means we teach kids in other than the English language.

Let me tell Members about the Ninth Street Public School in Los Angeles. Many of the students in this school are children of new Americans, and they want to learn English. Their parents want them to learn English, too, but they were so frustrated recently by the bilingual education program being foisted on their children that they took their kids out of school, boycotted the school for a week.

What does it say about our educational system when the second largest city in America has 300,000 students in bilingual education programs, where they are not taught in English, where they are not learning anything, and we are wasting billions of dollars. The parents have no recourse but to yank their kids out of school to articulate their demand for English in the classroom.

I think it is a disgrace. The students of the Ninth Street School are lucky to have parents that will fight the system for their education. Let us teach English in our schools again.

#### SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)